Kottayam-Kumarakam Road.

376. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are satisfied as to the urgent need for the Kottayam-Kumarakam road;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the existence of any road for use by the people of Kumarakam to reach the Kottayam market, the college and the public offices; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, which is that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is already a road from Kottayam to Kumarakam which must for the present satisfy the needs of the people. An estimate for an improved road has just been prepared and is under examination by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The road from Kottayam to Kumarakam *via* Tazattangadi, Illikkal and Chengalam.

Manakudiyan Kal.

377. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Manakudiyan *kal* is the receptacle of the village sewage water and the source of drinking water for Kurichi and other neighbouring villages?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether sewage water is conducive to good health?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is an abstract question which under the rules cannot be answered.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether cholera is a water-borne disease?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That too is a matter for expert opinion.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether Kurichi and other villages in the Agastisvaram taluk are frequently visited by cholera?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are sometimes visited by cholera.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any arrangements have been made to improve the water supply system in these villages?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

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